



Hillsborough CTST – June 22, 2022

Meeting started at 9:30 am

I. Welcome and Introductions were given.

May Minutes were approved.

II. Business Updates

Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motorcycle Safety Updates

Kelly (COT): On the website, www.TPAmoves.org, they have the Tampa bicycle routes. It's an interactive map where you can leave a comment. There are proposed bicycle routes and crossings. The City would appreciate any feedback.

Julie (CUTR): They held the second "I Can Bike Camp" teaching kids and young adults with disabilities how to ride a bicycle. It was held at the University Area Community CDC on Fletcher Avenue and 22nd Street. There were 25 bicyclists. It was a huge success. This event had media stories that ran from every news entity in the Tampa Bay Area. Junior Polo, a local artist, made art with the kids during their breaks.

Susan (Benesh): They had the opportunity to present at the Pasco County School Board on June 7th and handed out the award for the art contest. Any student that drives to school from a Pasco County High School was eligible to enter. They had 58 entries. They handed out awards to the honorable mention, and first, second and third place.

Gena (TPO): The TPO is working with the County on a study to evaluate bicycle networks throughout the County. They are prioritizing the needs people have for bicycling and coming up with a methodology and treatments that can be applied. There will be approximately three corridors that will be highlighted on how to improve the cycling experience on the road. They are also working on the Plant City Canal Trail Study.

Bob (HC): The County is developing a network of bike interconnective facilities. Every one of their resurfacing projects that they encounter has the potential to have pedestrian and bicycle enhancements. That is part of the preliminary engineering report, for each of the resurfacing projects, to see what can be done on all corridors.

Gena (TPO): Their contribution is trying to help motorcyclists get outreach for their messaging. They are looking through their funding to see if they can help with indoor ads and posters on bathroom stalls for motorcycle safety along the high injury corridors for motorcycle crashes. The TPO will be speaking with kids this summer. They are going to paint a crosswalk, next Wednesday, at Dowdell Middle School in Palm River. They are also at Town & Country Elementary School and Tampa Heights Civic Association.



Bob (HC): The County tracks all fatalities for motorcycles in suburban locations or rural roads. They do an analysis and if viable, one alternative is roundabouts, which eliminates left turn conflicts between motorcycles and cars.

Julie (CUTR): Through funding from FDOT, they go to the houseless shelters and churches throughout the county to discuss safety. Bob asked Julie if she attends to Alcohol Anonymous meetings. Julie stated she has not attended those meetings before, and she isn't sure if there is any confidentiality associated with that, but she will talk to Bob further offline.

Education

Julie (CUTR): They finished up the high school programs in Hillsborough County. CUTR helped certify one new drivers' education teacher in Hillsborough County. Soon CUTR will start booking the new school year. They are trying to reach out to different private sectors to provide presentations based on their needs, such as bicycle friendly drivers, pedestrian related needs, etc.

Bob asked Marty King (USF PD) about the orientation program for pedestrians for upcoming freshman. Julie said they always provide presentations through USF including educational ads for students through FDOT and slides in the freshman orientation that talk about pedestrian safety. They do not do it specifically through CUTR, but parking and transportation services is part of the orientation. Marty said there is still an element of pedestrian safety in the orientation. Discussion followed.

Shirley (HCSB): Right now, they are in the middle of summer school which ends in July. School starts August 10th.

Enforcement-Crash Statistics

Janice Martinez (LEO): May Central Breath Testing (CBT) statistics.

- 330 total that were brought through CBT.
- Highest demographic is white male 21-34
- Average blood alcohol level was 0.139, which is a little less than April
- 42% refusal rate
- Of the 330 that were brought through CBT, 260 were non crashes, 63 were property damage, and 7 were injuries. Overall, the police are picking them up before they crash.

Gena (TPO): She pulled the fatal crash data from January 1st to May 31st of last year and compared it to same timeframe this year. Although the total numbers are down, there are double bicycle fatalities.

- 5 bicycle fatalities last year, 8 this year
- 19 pedestrian fatalities last year, 22 this year
- 20 motorcycles fatalities last year, 18 this year
- 49 automobile fatalities last year, 36 this year



Gena (TPO): At public hearing she attended, one of the presenters/public speakers brought up speeding on the interstate. Most of Gena's efforts have been to lower speed limits on arterials. There are things you can do on arterials that you cannot do on the interstate. She asked what to do other than enforcement to drive the speed limit - maybe dynamic message boards. Janice said the way you change behavior is to write tickets; if you write a \$300 ticket, their driving behavior will change. Education and outreach only go so far. Enforcement is the key. Automated speed enforcement is a legislative thing. Discussion followed.

Bob (HC): Bob said that the District Secretary asked for a study on interstate safety on I-75 up to the junction in Manatee. He would like a report back to the group on safety impacts on the interstate and what they are proposing to do.

Abigail (HC): The County is working on their annual safety report. Crash fatalities and severe crashes did not change much from 2022 to 2021. Driver fatalities and severe crashes increased slightly, motorcycle fatalities and severe crashes stayed the same, pedestrian fatalities and severe crashes went down safety, and bicycle fatalities and severe crashes stayed about the same. Discussion followed.

- Majority of fatal and severe crashes were for vehicle drivers making 2/3rd of crashes for 2021.
 - Motorcycle 17%
 - Pedestrian 11%
 - Bicycle 7%
- Crashes occurred: 53%-night and 47%-day
- 2021 posted speed limit – 68% of fatal and severe crashes were on 45 MPH or higher posted speed limit. This makes up 16% of our roadways are in these classifications, arterials and collectors.
- Frequent crash type of 2021 = angle crashes (t-bone crash).
- The top violations are for the fatal and severe crashes were:
 - 51% failure to yield right of way
 - 24% careless driving
 - The rest is single digit

Bob (HC): Hillsborough County is taking a systemic approach to solving the problems listed above. They are trying to identify specific characteristics as to where to invest money in solving these problems. The data from law enforcement reports is very revealing on how to use budget and what engineering actions to take.

Melissa (JMT): Melissa presented the fatal crash map for Hillsborough County. This is from January 1st through May 21st within the entire Hillsborough County region.

Engineering

Kelly (City of Tampa): The City has a couple projects in progress regarding complete streets including 30th Street and El Prado Boulevard. They are looking at pedestrian crossings, speeds, target speeds, etc. and trying to build the design around that. They are in the process of hiring a Vision Zero coordinator.



Abigail (HC): The County are working on improving six schools for student walkability and bikeability. They completed the design of Tier 1 – quick implementation improvements, signing, delineators, and pavement markers and these improvements are programmed for construction for King High and Robles Elementary. For the other four schools, they are finishing up design and then will also be programmed. The goal is to get those in by the time kids come back from break. The County is also working on Mort Elementary and Harvest Hope Wayfinding. This is in the project development phase currently. They are looking to use some innovative wayfinding, such as colorful pavement markings, signage, and art. For ped and bike, they are working to improve two hazardous walking conditions identified by the public schools. For HART transit, they are in project development for three locations. The County has identified transit stop locations and ranked them based on risk. Now they are doing project development at the higher risk locations to improve safety and access to these transit stops. They have a lane departure safety improvement program where they are looking to reduce lane departure crashes. They are identifying a methodology for screening and ranking projects. For unsignalized intersections, they are looking to improve safety for all roadway users. They are working on speed zoning study where they have tools to identify target speeds and design speeds. Context classification is part of that. The County has two Vision Zero High Injury Networks that the TPO did studies on for Mango Road and 78th Street. They took the TPO planning studies and did project development around them. Both Mango Road and 78th Street Tier 1's are being programmed for this year; the design is complete. They are moving into programming for those two high injury networks. The Mango Road Tier 2 is in design.

Bob (HC): The County is reviewing certain corridors for speed limits. They are dropping the speed limit on West Waters Avenue from 45 MPH to 40 MPH. They changed a portion of Boyette Road from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. 33rd Street went from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. Two other corridors are being looked at to reduce speed as well. The County is in the process of going through corridors and using context and FHWA software to change the speed limit.

Swara (HC): They are upgrading existing intersections to multi-way stops. Speed reduction has been complete on 33rd Street. The RRFB upgrade on Bay to Bay Boulevard at Lois Avenue is complete.

School Transportation Items

Kelly (City of Tampa): The TPO helped prioritize the schools to pick the top schools. They are looking at education strategies to encourage more walking, such as walking school busses. The City conducted field reviews to look at car lines, dismissals, busses, etc. They worked with school boards to send out a survey to all the principals and to all the parents. They hope to have more surveys soon.

Emily (Sidewalk Stompers): They partner with schools to create walk and bike to school programs. They provide education on how different school communities can advocate for SRTS needs. Currently, they have 10 partner schools throughout the County. They are hoping to increase the number of kids walking and biking to schools. With partner schools, they have seen a 2x to 3x increase in the number of kids walking once they bring a program into the school.



HSIP Updates

Mahshid (American Quality Consultants): She is working with cities and counties on material requests with Bill Riha (FDOT D7) and JMT. They are working on LPI implementation on local roads. They are working on top intersections for safety improvements – top fatal and incapacitating in District 7. She is waiting to get information from the City of Tampa on HSIP applications.

Bob (HC): Agencies are working together on Safe Streets for All program application. The municipalities, City, and TPO already had three meetings and prepared a grant. They may come back to the group for a letter of support. Gena mentioned they decided to go for an application with the federal bill, Safe Streets for All. A community could be awarded up to \$50 million. They are working with cities and counties. The state cannot receive the funding, but they can help participate. They are focusing on high injury networks.

Vision Zero Updates

Abigail (HC): They are going down the list for identifying improvements that the TPO has studied.

Kelly (City of Tampa): They are hiring a new Vision Zero coordinator.

III. Calendar Updates / Activity Reports

Julie (CUTR): They are working on a couple of local events. She stated there is a University CTST team that meets and addresses all the university issues. They are focusing on strategies in and around campus. Mahshid asked for information on the University CTST. Melissa stated the first Wednesday of every month is the University CTST meeting. July 6th is the next meeting.

Open Forum / Announcements

Bob (HC): Asked the group if they want to go back to in-person CTST meetings or keep it how it is currently. The group agreed to keep the meetings the way they are currently going.

Melissa (JMT): JMT was tasked to work with FDOT to see if any local agencies are interested in the safety edge tool for new resurfacing projects that are planned within the next five years that have flushed shoulders. It can reduce the number of lane departure crashes that can occur. The deadline is coming up fast. Melissa will send out an email.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

In attendance: Mahshid Arasteh, Fred Baxter, Susan Boda, Julie Bond, Ofc. Anthony Boone, Bob Campbell, Swara Farheen, Kelly Fearon, Abigail Flores, Scott Friedman, Anna Grundmann, Jenn Hall, Emily Hinsdale, Melissa Kincheloe, Cpt. Marty King, Janice Martinez, Pauline Nunez, Lori Palaio, Shirley Ready, Sgt. Jim Reiser, Olivia Ryall, Melissa Shepherd, Ellen Snelling, Michael Taylor, Gena Torres